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MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, SR/O/AC
FROM : Chief, Production Unit
SUBJECT : Legion of Estonian Liberation
Aleks Kurgvel
REFERENCE : Production Unit 66-43
dated 5 April 1966

Forwarded herewith, for your information, is a
report written by Mr. Aleks Kurgvel on his participation
in the activities of the Legion of Estonian Liberation.

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Chief, Production Unit

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Aleks KURGVEL

20 April 1966.

FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: My Participation in the Activities of the LEGION OF ESTONIAN LIBERATION, Inc.

1. In accordance with the advice received from my Employer, I participated in my quality of the Deputy Commander of the Legion for 1965/66 in the annual meeting of the Representatives of the Chapters of the Legion in Lakewood, N.J on 16 April 1966.
2. Mr. Raus announced to the Meeting that he will not be a candidate for re-election to the post of the Commander of the Legion. Mr. Gerd BUSCHMANN was nominated as a candidate and he was elected to this post.
3. Mr. Buschmann and Mr. Raus both wanted that I retain my place in the Presidium of the Legion in the quality of a Deputy Commander. I maintained that as a member of the New York Chapter, and not willing to step out of this Chapter, I can't join any other Chapter, and thus can not be elected to the Presidium. Mr. Raus agreed previously with this my position. However, he suggested that I step out from the New York Chapter and join the Washington Chapter.
4. Mr. Bushmann argued that since the New York Association of Estonian Veterans of the New York Chapter has decided to remain outside the Legion for the time when Mr. Raus will be the Commander; and since it will take considerable time until the New York Association will be able to decide to return into the Legion and will be accepted by the Presidium of the Legion; and since I have declared my wish to continue to belong to the Legion, then there is no hindrance for me to join the Washington Chapter without stepping out from the New York Association of Estonian Veterans because the latter must be considered like any other organization outside the Legion to which I may belong simultaneously with being a member of the Washington Chapter of the Legion. (The New York Association of Estonian Veterans was the parent organization of the Legion from which the latter grew out when similar Associations were organized all over the United States.)
5. I could not argue against this explanation. I asked to be accepted/ and I was accepted at the spot, on the basis of my earlier sounding, as a member of the Washington, D.C. Chapter of the Legion. Thereupon the Presidium of the Legion appointed me to represent the Detroit Chapter as a proxy at the meeting of the Representatives.
6. Mr. Buschmann, after he was elected to be the Commander of the Legion, announced his wish to have all former members of the Presidium re-elected and asked for their consent. Everybody agreed, and in this situation I thought it being too exposed if I would have stepped out as the only dissenter. Thus I agreed to be a candidate for a post in the Presidium, and I was elected like were all the other eight old members and one new candidate whom Mr. Buschmann nominated. Two other candidates, nominated from the opposition group, were not elected to the Presidium.
7. On Mr. Buschmann's urging I remained on the post of one Deputy Commander, while Mr. Eduard Vallaste will occupy the other post of a Deputy Commander.
8. I informed the Chairman of the New York Association of the Estonian Veterans Mr. Derrick, who participated at this meeting as an observer, of my decision to join the Washington Chapter of the Legion while remaining also a member of the New York's organization.

Aleks Kurgvel